

Remarks

35 USC § 112

The amendments provided herewith obviate the section 112 rejections.

Support for Amendments to Claims

Support for the proposed amendments is at page 4 lines 4 and 24, page 5 line 10, page 12 lines 7 and 24, page 13 lines 17, page 17 line 2, page 21 line 1 and in figures 6 and 13.

Support for New Claims

Support for new claim 80 is found at page 5 lines 1-7.

Support for new claim 81 is found at page 12 line 7-12.

Support for new claim 82 is found at page 12 lines 22-24.

Support for new claim 83 is found at page 13 lines 1-4.

Support for new claim 84 is found at page 13 lines 19-20.

Support for new claim 85 is found at page 21 lines 1-6.

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiners for a courteous and useful interview.

In the interview the Examiners asked what structural limitations to the claims were recited by incorporating the word “slave” added by amendment to the existing claims. Applicant responded by quoting from the specification at the sites indicated above as support for the amendments to the existing claims. Specifically, applicant read from page 5, indicating that the slave uplinks did not need to have expensive database storage and retrieval software and did not need to have their own expensive control hardware and

software. The Examiners acknowledge that prior art currently of record, including the Willis, Boyden and Rakib references do not appear to disclose such structural limitations, or motivate or teach them, in their drawings. The Examiners reserved the right to review the text of the specifications of the existing art of record. Of course, the Examiners further reserve the right to execute further searching.

Applicant pointed out that the amendments to the previously existing claims (claims 8-79) by reciting a “slave” uplink were adequate to recite non-obvious and novel structure patentably distinct from the prior art of record. Applicant pointed out that applicant is entitled to be its own lexicographer. Accordingly, recitation of the term slave, which is discussed at length in the specification, by itself recites sufficient structure. However, in order that all possible issues be before the Examiner and be addressed in the next office action, applicant recited specific structure for slave uplinks in new dependent claims 80-85.

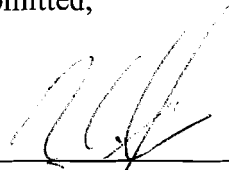
Applicant also points out that claim 38 recites that the slave uplink be a conventional uplink. Accordingly, by the doctrine of claim differentiation, the recitation in dependent claim 38 of a conventional uplink distinguishes the recitation of a slave uplink in the lead independent claim, claim 8.

35 USC § 103

The prior art of record does not disclose, teach, suggest or motivate, or otherwise support an obviousness rejection of any of the currently pending claims. Accordingly,

applicant requests prompt and favorable consideration of the amendments and new claims filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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